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Office of the Attorney General

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*1 Mr. Donald N. Chadwick Chief of Police Town of Cowpens Cowpens, South Carolina 29330

Dear Chief Chadwick:

In a recent letter you asked whether it is legal to sell auto parts, auto wax, spray paints and tools on Sunday. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 53-1-60 of the 1976 Code of Laws, the sale of tools and paints is expressly prohibited on Sunday.

As to the sale of auto parts, a previous opinion of this Office, a copy of which is enclosed, stated that while the section now codified as Section 53-1-50 in the 1976 Code of Laws:

... permits 'the installation of repair parts or accessories for immediate use in connection with motor vehicles' ... (such section) ... does not contemplate the sale of parts by a distributor or parts house to a service station or other retailer who might thereafter install the parts for immediate use.

Thus, the general sale of auto parts on Sunday is prohibited. With reference to such, I would suggest that you consult your City Attorney as to any questions regarding your specific situation.

As to the sale of auto wax on Sunday, inasmuch as Section 53-1-50 does not expressly permit the sale of such an item, it is the opinion of this Office that in keeping with the intent of the blue laws, the sale of such an item is also prohibited. Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson Assistant Attorney General

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